

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 12 - 21 which were placed on file during the prosecution of the PCT application.

1. (Currently Amended) A water treatment apparatus comprising a water inlet port, a water outlet port and a fluid flow path extending from the water inlet port to the water outlet port, a filtration member comprising at least two containers each of which contains sand and at least one of the containers is removable from the apparatus, wherein each of the containers that is removable has a water inlet port and a water outlet port and each of the containers that is removable includes a water outlet port sealing member.
2. (Original) The water treatment apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein each of the containers is removable from the water treatment apparatus.
3. Cancelled.
4. (Original) The water treatment apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein each of the containers is individually removable from the water treatment apparatus.
5. (Currently Amended) The water treatment apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the containers are configured to define a top container and the top container is the at least one of the containers ~~the~~ that is removable.
6. (Currently Amended) The water treatment apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the containers are connected if in flow communication that the water to be treated flows sequentially through the containers.
7. (Currently Amended) The water treatment apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein each of the containers that is removable ~~has a water inlet port and a water outlet port and each of the containers that is removable include~~ includes a water inlet port sealing member and a water outlet port sealing member.
8. (Original) The water treatment apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein the water inlet port sealing member and the water outlet port sealing member automatically seal the inlet and outlet ports when the container is removed from the apparatus.

9. (Original) The water treatment apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the containers are configured to define a top container and the top container is provided with biological material in a cartridge which is openable.
10. (Original) The water treatment apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein biological material in a cartridge which is openable is provided in at least one container.
11. (Original) The water treatment apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein biological material to promote the formation of schmutzdecke is provided in at least one container.

12-35 Cancelled

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.